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The 'King' is back

Oregon Coast golf ready for week-long tournament play

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The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Astoria dentist Jeff Leinassar will defend his 1980 Oregon Coast Invitational golf title here next week.

There's a buzz of excitement at the Astoria County Club that hasn't existed since the King of the Coast switched golf competition.

Ralph Dichter of Gearhart, the all-time winner of this 71-year-old Oregon Invitational (10 championships), has opted for the Grand Championship division this year following a couple of years in the Junior-Seniors.

Dichter will find lots of opposition, headed by defending champion Jeff Leinassar of Astoria, who doesn't have to qualify Sunday, and the likes of Bill Morrison, Larry Giusti, George Mack, Don Kreiger, and Jay Robinson, all past Coast champs.

Dichter last won the tourney crown in 1974, Morrison in 1978, Robinson in 1972, Mack in 1967, and Kreiger in 1957.

There are also a flock of other low handicappers in this exclusive field. Such as Mike Brands, Tom Smythe, Mike Graham, an ex-Seaside High athlete who lost to Leinassar in the 1980 finals; John Hedlund, Gary Hval, Chuck Shea and Mike Stoll. Brands, of Tacoma, and Shea, of Southern California, are Notre Dame and USC athlete grads, respectively.

There are also strong local golfers in this top mens' field. Such as Tom Clune, Bob Lane, Jr., Jay McCallister, Jeff TerHar and Craig Weston.

Defending womens' champ is attractive Joan Berkis of Portland and she's back and so is her 1980 finals challenger, Molly Cronin, who has four titles to the former's three.

Lynn Reinholt, Gresham, is signed up to defend his Junior-Seniors crown while Ed Zuelke, Portland, has signed in defense of the Seniors title.

There are a number of husband-wife players, headed by Jeff and Cathy Leinassar, former Coast champ Sybil (Bowers) O'Byrne and husband Leonard O'Byrne, an ex-hockey player; Bruce and Pat Benz, Dwight and Maureen McFaddin, James and Ellen Smead and the Paul Zuelkes.

Sunday action will feature qualifying rounds by Grand Championship and Junior-Seniors men. The Seniors and women qualify Monday.

SPORTS

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Coast golf

Blazers' loudest fan makes noise with 69

By BILL MULFLUR
Executive Sports Editor

WARRENTON — It was a "Rip City" day for one of the Portland Trail Blazers' most vocal fans.

You know Ron Leland, if you've been to many Blazer games. He's the guy who sits front row center on the west side of Memorial Coliseum.

He beseeches the Blazers, instructs the officials and berates the opponents. His only putdown came when Jerry Sloan, who was then a player for the Chicago Bulls, delivered a retort which was couched in a Playboy version of "do you still beat your wife?" That was the only

time Leland was stopped, verbally.

Leland, a six-handicapper from Columbia-Edgewater, won the medal in the qualifying round of the 71st annual Oregon Coast golf tourney at Astoria Golf and Country Club Sunday with a three-under-par 69.

It was a career round for the 47-year-old Leland, whose biggest previous claim to athletic fame was as a squad member of the 1954 University of Oregon team which reached the collegiate baseball World Series in Omaha.

Leland bogeyed two of his first four holes and then finished with birdies on three of his last four holes, including a tee

shot on the par-3 10th hole which rolled over the hole. He tapped in the two-inch putt to finish his all-time round.

Although he's been coming to the Oregon Coast tourney for 20 years, Leland never won a championship round match until last year. And that accounts for starting his round on the 11th hole. Most championship caliber players tee off on one.

Leland played early and his round withstood the late charges of John Frederick and Keith Gubrud. Frederick, who once held the state prep basketball record for scoring in a single game when he was at Tigard High, closed with a 70.

But Gubrud, who tied at 71 with last year's medalist Mike Stoll, former champion Don Krieger and Lakeridge football coach Tom Smythe, had the best chance of upsetting Leland's dream day.

After an eagle on the 12th hole, Gubrud was five under par. But bogeys on four on his last six holes pushed him back to a four-way tie for third.

For the second year in a row it took a 76 to qualify for the 32-man championship flight, without a playoff.

Columbia-Edgewater's current president Nick Staropoli and Californian Bob Pearson tied for the junior-senior medal with even par 72s.

'King of Coast' returns

By BILL MULFLUR
Executive Sports Editor

WARRENTON — After two years of hibernating in the junior-senior division, Ralph Dichter is returning to the grand championship.

Dichter, who was known as "King of the Coast" when he won 10 championship titles, will be a man to be reckoned with when the 72nd annual Oregon Coast golf championships start Sunday at Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Dichter, who last won in 1974, has beaten 10 different opponents in the finals.

Jeff Leinassar and Mike Graham, last year's finalists who battled through 36

holes before Leinassar won 1-up, are in the field which also includes Mike Brands, John Hedlund, Terry Isaacs, Don Krieger, George Mack, Bill Morrison and Mike Stoll.

Joan Berkis will defend her women's title. Five-time winner Molly Cronin, who was runner-up last year, will contest Berkis along with Nancy Marshall and Cathy Leinassar.

Lynn Reinholt is defending champion in the junior-senior division and Ed Zuelke in the senior division.

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Astoria champs back to defend 1980 titles

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Jeff Leinassar and Joan Berkis will be back in defense of 1980 titles when the Oregon Coast golf tournament unfolds for the 71st time this week at Astoria Country Club.

Leinassar, a dentist from the host club, sank a 40-foot birdie putt on the final hole last year to win the men's championship match from Columbia-Edgewater's Mike Graham 1-up. Graham also is returning.

Berkis claimed her third Coast title 4 and 3 over C-E clubmate Molly Cronin, a former champion who also is entered this time.

Astoria's Ralph Dichter, a 10-time champion, will return to the men's division this year after two years of playing in the junior-seniors.

Men's qualifying will be Sunday and the women qualify Monday. Matches run through Saturday.

Close calls in Coast

By BILL MULFLUR
Executive Sports Editor

WARRENTON — Match play is golf at its gripping best. And it usually goes down to one putt.

That happened several times on the 18th green in the first round of play in the men's division of the 71st annual Oregon Coast golf tourney at Astoria Golf and Country Club Monday.

Gary Hval hung it on the lip, so did medalist Ron Leland. Both lost. Terry Isaacs crossed the hole and didn't sink it. That put him in sudden death with John Frederick, but the tenacious Isaacs won on the first extra hole. A sensational comeback for a player who lost the first four holes of his match.

Hval lost to defending champion Jeff Leinassar 1-up in one of the better first-round matches that this tourney has seen in years.

"I played as well as I can play," said the diminutive Hval, a smooth-swinging, tough competitor.

They made the turn with Leinassar holding a 2-up edge. They traded the first two holes of the backside with birdies and tied the 12th hole, with Leinassar knocking in a 29-footer for a birdie after Hval safely had his.

Leinassar was joined in Tuesday's second round by former winners Ralph Dichter, George Mack and Don Krieger.

They all won comfortably, as did last year's medalist Mike Stoll.

Bill Bristol was the 1-up winner over Leland after the

latter's putt didn't drop. It still didn't dim his enthusiasm for his medal-winning round of 69, a personal best.

"I didn't find out until the next day (Monday) that my name would be the first one on the Ray Weston Memorial perpetual trophy for medalists," said Leland.

Weston, one of the pre-World War II legends of Northwest golf, lived in nearby Surf Pines. He died last year.

Defending women's champion Joan Berkis will be looking at five-time winner Molly Cronin, Sybil O'Byrne and Nancy Marshall when the ladies start match play Tuesday.

O'Byrne won the medal with a 79, Cronin was one stroke back and Marshall was two strokes back.

MEN'S DIVISION

UPPER BRACKET — Jeff Leinassar def. Gary Hval 1-up; Greg Marshall def. Lee Knight 2-up; Bob Lane Jr. def. Tom Smythe 4-3; Tom Garrow def. Dick Swanson 1-up; Terry Isaacs def. John Frederick 19th hole; Ralph Dichter def. Jim Cartwright 6-5; Keith Gubrud won by default from Mike Clark; Franz Miller def. Jim Wright 7-6.

LOWER BRACKET — Bill Bristol def. Ron Leland 1-up; Phil Underwood def. Mike Graham 3-1; Don Krieger def. Craig Weston 4-3; Jim Davis def. Doug Wiese 1-up; Mike Stoll def. Dan Ryan 5-3; Bill Morrison def. Hugh Richardson 6-5; Mike Adams def. Casey Thompson 8-7; George Mack def. John Holmes 7-6.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

79 — Sybil O'Byrne 38-41;
80 — Molly Cronin 40-40;
81 — Nancy Marshall 40-41;
84 — Barbara Brown 42-42; Cathy Leinassar 41-43;
86 — Ellen Smead 43-43; Monica

Shepard 45-41.

87 — Dotty Johnson 43-44.

88 — Dawn Campbell 45-43; Sarah O'Neil 43-45.

91 — Jean Baines 42-49; Mary Hoffman 44-47.

92 — Suzanne Peterson 50-42.

93 — Jean Osborne 47-46; Jackie Bristol 48-45.

(Defending champion Joan Berkis seeded.)

SENIOR DIVISION

75 — Ed Palmrose 37-38; Larry Skreen 38-37.

76 — Willard Miller 37-39.

77 — Joe Player 37-40.

78 — Scotty Cameron 40-38; Chuck Stafford 40-38.

79 — Paul Prasil 39-40.

80 — Jim Power 39-41; Howard Hedrick 40-40; Ed Wallo 39-41; Larry Godsey 41-39; George Abrahamsen 40-40.

81 — Paul Streight 38-43; Fred Welch 40-41.

(Defending champion Ed Zuekle took seed.)

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16 golfers advance

ASTORIA — Defending champion Jeff Leinassar of Astoria was among a group of 16 golfers Monday who advanced through the first round of match play at the Oregon Coast golf tournament at Astoria Country Club.

Leinassar defeated Columbia-Edgewater's Gary Hval in defense of his title, while C-E's Ron Leland, who fired a 69 Sunday to capture the tournament's medalist honors, fell to Charbonneau's Bill Bristol.

Sybil O'Byrne turned in a 79 to capture medalist honors in the women's division and advance to match play along with Joan Berkis, who was an automatic seed after winning the tourney last year.

In the senior (over 55) division, Ed Palmrose, who won the tourney's championship flight 47 years ago in 1934, shot a 75 to tie for medalist with Larry Skreen.

FIRST ROUND

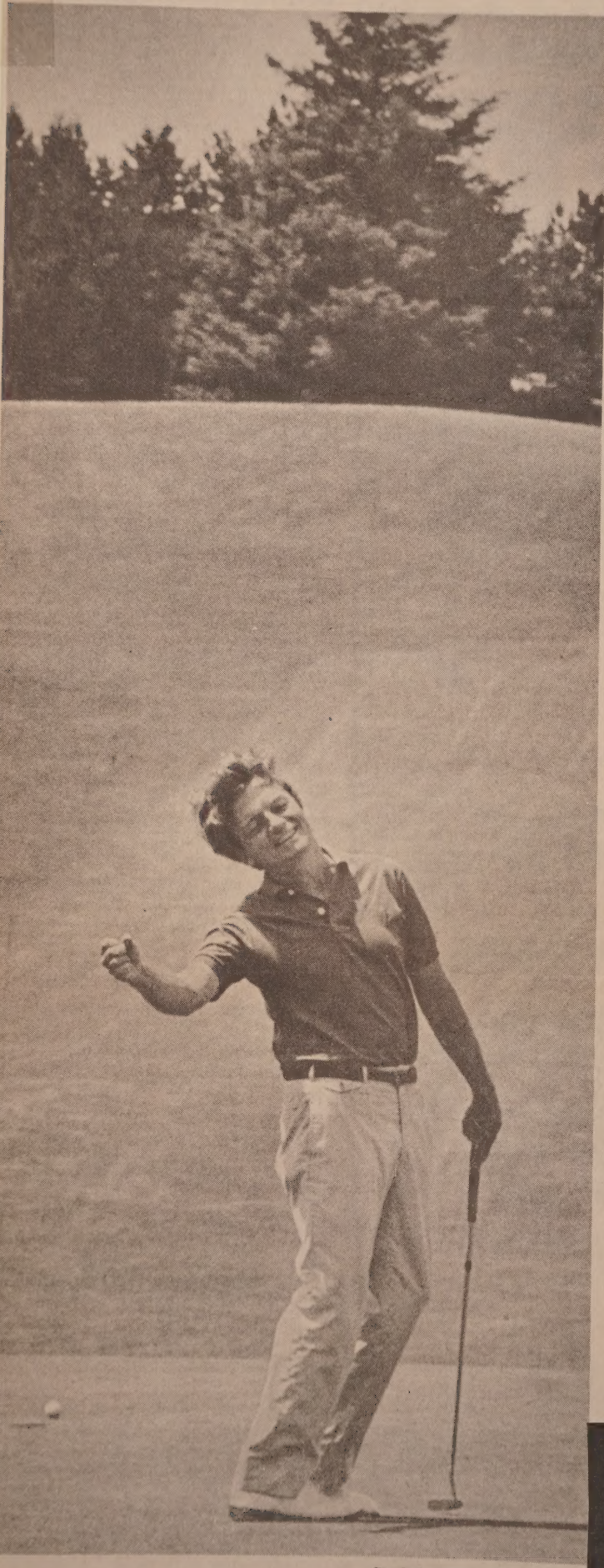
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SENIORS' QUALIFYING — Ed Palmrose 37-38—75; Larry Skreen 38-37—75; Joe Player 77; Stewart Cameron 40-38—78; P. Prasil 39-40—79.

SPORTS

'80 Coast champ Leinassar nips Portlander Gary Hval



Young Astoria dentist Jeff Leinassar has his work cut out for him in defense of his 1980 Oregon Coast Invitational golf championship.

Leinassar, a former prep and college player, barely turned back Portland Columbia-Edgewater golfer Larry Hval (1-up) in 18 holes of Grand Championship division play Monday at the Astoria Country Club.

Leinassar, whose pretty wife Cathy is in the Womens' Championship division play — they have been a husband-wife Astoria Club champ twice — seasawed with Hval after leading by as much as two strokes midway into the match.

The pair was even at the end of 17 holes, then Hval missed a 20-foot putt by inches on 18 and that was the match.

Mens' medalist Ron Leland, also of C-E, went down to defeat at the hands of Bill Bristol of Charbonneau, but 10-time Coast champion Ralph Dichter of Gearhart, back in the Grand Championship after two years of Junior-Seniors, won and so did ex-Coast champions Don Kreiger and George Mack, both of Portland.

Ex-Coast Womens' champion Sybil (Bowers) O'Byrne, a former Cullaby Lake resident, won the medal with rounds of 38-41—79, while another former Coast winner advancing was Molly Cronin. They were joined by Astoria club champion Barbara Brown, Dotty Johnson and others.

Retired Astoria doctor Ed Palmrose, a Gearhart resident and Coast champion in 1934, seeks to reclaim the Seniors title as he shared medalist honors with Larry Skreen of Columbia-Edgewater. Each fired 75s.

Defending Seniors champion Ed Zuelke of Astoria and Portland Golf Clubs is automatically seeded and didn't have to qualify. Other hopefuls qualifying Monday were Astorians George Abrahamsen and Larry Johanns and ex-Astorian Howard Hedrick, along with dual club member (Astoria-Portland) Lloyd Selfridge.

WOMEN (Championship division qualifiers) — Sybil O'Byrne 38-41—79 (medalist), Molly Cronin 80, Nancy Marshall 81, Cathy Leinassar 41-43—84, Barbara Brown 42-42—84, Ellen Smead 86, Monica Shepard 86, Dotty Johnson 87, Dawn Campbell 88, Sarah O'Neill 88, Jean Baines 91, Mary Hoffman 91, Suzanne Peterson 92, Jean Osborne 93, Jackie Bristol 93 (won 4-way playoff for final berth).

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GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP MEN (1st round) — Jeff Leinassar over Gary Hval, 1-up, Greg Marshall over Lee Knight, Bob Lee over Tom Smythe, Dick Swanson over Tom Garrow, Terry Isaacs over John Frederick, Ralph Dichter over Tim Carwright, Keith Bugrud by default, Franz Miller over Jim Wright, Bill Bristol over Ron Leland, Bill Underwood over Mike Graham, Don Krieger over Craig Weston, Jim Davis over Doug Wiese, Mike Stoll over Dan Ryan, Bill Myers over Tim Richardson, Mike Adams over Casey Thompson, George Mack over John Holmes.

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Smiling outside but crying inside is Portlander Gary Hval as he barely misses cup with putt on No. 8 hole in epic struggle with Oregon Coast Invitational defending golf champion Jeff Leinassar, who ousted Hval 1-up Monday.

Isaacs upsets Dichter

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By BILL MULFLUR
Executive Sports Editor

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WARRENTON — Terry Isaacs, a three-handicap player from Columbia-Edgewater, has made his past fame playing in tournaments in Central Oregon.

When Isaacs entered the 71st annual Oregon Coast golf tourney he was playing in a match-play tourney for the first time since he was a junior and lost to Mike Brands at Oswego Lake in 1963.

Isaacs will face Franz Miller in Thursday's third round after a two-day reintroduction to the intricacies of match play.

In Tuesday's second round, Isaacs faced Coast legend Ralph Dichter, who has reached the finals 16 times — winning 10 times.

"I came down here because my wife Vickie wanted a coast vacation," said the 35-year-old Isaacs, who has been the low amateur in the last two Hudspeth Prineville Invationals. He also teamed with Bill DeBellis to win the first Prineville Best-Ball tourney and he won the Central Oregon Amateur at Redmond.

"My father (Ray) lost to Ralph down here many years ago," said Isaacs. "I told him it was an honor to play him."

"I started shaky and so did Ralph," said Isaacs. The match was even after four holes.

"I finished the match with 14 straight pars," said Isaacs.

"The turning point in the match was when Ralph missed a short putt on the 10th hole to put me two up. But he came right back and rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on 11 to cut my lead to one."

Isaacs made a change in his game late on the front nine when he narrowed his stance on the tee.

"That helped and so did a wedge lesson which Mike Graham (last year's runner-up) gave me before I went to Prineville two weeks ago," he said.

Putting has been the strong part of Isaacs' game over the years.

He may need it against Franz, the Bend Golf Club player, who birdied the final three holes to edge Keith Gubrud 1-up.

Two former champions and the defending champion, Don Krieger, George Mack and Jeff Leinassar, last year's winner, advanced to the final eight.

Krieger, playing even par, outlasted Jim Davis 3-2. Mack topped Mike Adams 2-1.

"George holed out wedges for birdies on 1, 9 and 11," said Adams. "Not much you can do about that."

Leinassar had to par three consecutive holes in a sudden death playoff against Greg Marshall before Marshall slipped on the 21st hole to lose 1-up.

In the senior ranks, Jim Power ousted defending champion Ed Zuelke 3-2 while the co-medalists, Ed Palmrose and Larry Skreen split.

Palmrose, who first won this tourney in 1934, bounced Howard Hedrick 5-4, but Skreen lost to Portland policeman Ed Wallo 5-4.

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Leinassar wins

WARRENTON — Defending champion Jeff Leinassar of the host club survived a close call Tuesday before posting a 21st-hole win over Columbia-Edgewater's Greg Marshall in the second round of the Oregon Coast golf tournament at Astoria Country Club.

In seniors play, co-medalist Ed Palmrose won his first-round match with a 5 and 4 decision over Howard Hedrick, while the other medalist, Larry Skreen, lost by the same score to Ed Wallo.

Women had Tuesday off but will begin their match play Wednesday.

Men's Second Round — Jeff Leinassar def. Greg Marshall, 21st hole; Bill Bristol def. Phil Underwood, 4-3; Bob Lane def. Dick Swanson, 3-2; Don Krieger def. Jim Davis, 3-2; Terry Isaacs def. Ralph Dichter, 2-1; Mike Stoll def. Bill Morrison, 19th hole; Franz Miller def. Keith Gubrud, 1-up; George Mack def. Mike Adams, 2-1.

Seniors First Round — Jim Power def. Ed Aueke, 3-2; Ed Palmrose def. Howard Hedrick, 5-4; Joe Player def. Larry Godsey, 1-up; Paul Streight def. Scotty Cameron, 2-1; Ed Wallo def. Larry Skreen, 5-4; George Abrahamsen def. Willard Miller, 1-up; Fred Welch def. Chuck Stafford, 1-up; Larry Johans def. Paul Brausi, 1-up.

THE SIGNAL, Seaside, Oregon, July 23, 1981

Top local contenders match skills at 71st tournament

A full field of 352 golfers were on hand Sunday and Monday at the Astoria Golf and Country Club to take part in qualifying rounds for the 71st annual Oregon Coast Invitational Golf Tournament.

Six former champions, including last year's champion Jeff Leinassar of Astoria, are vying for the Grand Championship. Ralph Dichter of Seaside is among the competitors for the top title, having won the tournament a total of ten times over the past 30 years.

Joan Berkis, winner of the

1976 and the 1980 women's division championships, is back defending her title. In Sunday's qualifying rounds, Berkis squared off with Portlanders Molly Cronin, Sybil O'Byrne and Nancy Marshall. Cronin is a five-time title-holder in the tournament, and O'Byrne won top honors in 1971.

A total of 42 golfers from Clatsop County are listed as contestants in the tournament's four divisions. Seaside's entered in the Grand Championship are Ralph Dichter, Ed Rippet, Mike Rippet, Jeff Ter Har

and W. A. Ter Har. In the senior division, Ted Dichter, Ed Palmrose and John Gizdovich are competing for the crown.

Match play will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday and Friday mornings and will continue through the day. Final playoffs are scheduled to begin at 8:15 Saturday morning. The 36-hole Grand Championship finals will be played in a morning and evening round.

Tournament officials extend an invitation to local residents to follow and observe any of the matches.

SPORTS

Leinassar-Lane match

'Coast King' Ralph Dichter fails to survive tournament

By GRADY PANNELL
DA Sports Editor

Ten-time Oregon Coast golf champion Ralph Dichter must wait another

year.

One of Oregon's top amateur players, the "King of the Coast" fell to a man almost half his age on the third day of

the 71st annual tournament Tuesday at the Astoria Country Club.

"I'm not playing well," Dichter said on the back nine in the company of Portlanders Terry Isaacs, a 2-1 winner over the "King," and big Bill Morrison and intense Mike Stoll, a winner over Morrison on the 19th hole.

Dichter, back in the Mens' Grand Championship division after two years of Junior-Seniors at the Coast Invitational, played even with Isaacs until the ninth hole where he lost a stroke.

Two-down early on the back nine, Dichter got a stroke back when he sank about a 25-foot putt on No. 12 where Isaacs was in a sand trap. Isaacs is a reputed 3-handicap golfer.

Stoll had to scramble on the back nine after trailing the hard-hitting Morrison at the turn. Stoll is no stranger to the Coast tournament and was the 1980 medalist. Neither he nor Morrison has won this tournament.

But past winners advanced, led by 1980 champion Jeff Leinassar.

The smooth-playing ex-Astoria High golf star had a close call Tuesday, however, forced to an overtime session by Columbia-Edgewater's Greg Marshall before winning on the 21st hole.

The two men played a seesaw game much of the day, and Thursday's match between Leinassar and ex-Warrenton High School golfer Bob Lane, Jr., could be much the same. The top Mens' flight has today off but the second, fourth and sixth flights play.

Lane, a former club assistant at the Astoria Country Club, beat Dick Swanson of Medford's Rogue Valley Country Club, 3 and 2.

Past Coast champs Don Krieger (1957) of Columbia-Edgewater and George Mack (1971 and 1976), also of C-E, won their matches, the former over Jim Davis, 3-2, and the latter over Mike Adams, 2-1.

Others advancing in the Grand Championship top flight were Bill Bristol over Phil Underwood, 4-3, and Franz Miller over Keith Gubrud, 1-up. Bristol, of Charbonneau, is somewhat of a surprise in the tournament.

The oldest former local champ at the Coast, retired Astoria doctor Ed Palmrose of Gearhart — he won the Mens' division in 1934 — is going after another Seniors championship. He turned back Howard Hedrick, a former Astorian, 5-4, in his first round of play. He shared medalist honors with Portland's Larry Skreen Monday.

Women and Junior-Seniors championship flights didn't play Tuesday, but play today.

First-round Seniors winners:

Jim Powers over Ed Zuelke, 3-2, Ed Palmrose over Howard Hedrick, 5-4, Joe Player over Larry Godsey, 1-up, Paul Streight over Scothy Cameron, 2-1, Ed Wallo over Larry Skreen, 5-4, George Abrahamsen over Willard Miller, 1-up, Fred Welch over Chuck Stafford, 1-up, Larry Johanns over Paul Brausi, 1-up.



The Daily Astorian—GRADY PANNELL

Whenever Gearhart's Ralph Dichter plays golf, he's bound to attract a gallery. His foursome had its followers Tuesday in Oregon Coast Invitational and many were disappointed when the 10-time Mens' champion suffered defeat.

Isaacs, Mack, O'Byrne Berkis gain Coast finals

By BILL MULFLUR
Executive Sports Editor

WARRENTON — Tenacious Terry Isaacs, playing in his first match-play tournament in 18 years, and George Mack, a finalist for the fifth time, teed off Saturday in the 36-hole final of the 71st Oregon Coast golf tourney.

Isaacs, a wizard with a putter, eliminated defending champion

regional report

Jeff Leinassar 4-2. Mack, who won the tourney in 1967 and 1971, dropped Don Krieger, the 1957 champion, 3-2 in Friday's semifinal round at Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Joan Berkis went after her fourth women's title in eight years after ousting five-time winner Molly Cronin 3-1. Berkis met Sybil O'Byrne in the 36-hole final after O'Byrne, who won the tourney in 1971, dropped Monica Shepard 5-4.

Isaacs parred the first 11 holes of his match against Leinassar and then chipped in from the fringe for an eagle on the par-5 12th hole to go 4-up.

"Give my caddy (Marty Treece) credit for the eagle," said Isaacs. "I wanted to putt it and he told me to chip it."

Isaacs has been marvelous with his putter. "I haven't missed a putt this week that I needed," he said.

Isaacs' route to the finals wasn't easy. He started out with a sudden-death win over John Frederick, followed by a victory over 10-time champion Ralph Dichter, crushed Franz Miller 7-6 and then took the measure of the defending champion.

Isaacs and Mack both play out of Columbia-Edgewater's stable of low-handicap golfers.

Krieger and Mack were both 2-under and even in their match after 12 holes. But an errant driver cost Krieger his chance at the finals.

Mack won 13, 14 and 16 to close out the match.

"I kept waiting for him to make a mistake and he didn't," said Krieger of his

opponent.

Berkis, who was 1-down after Cronin birdied the par-3 10th hole, is playing the finest golf of her career.

"I've never been more consistent," said Berkis. "Last year I played more tournament golf than I've ever played in my life and it's paying off."

Berkis tied 11 with a par after having to chip out from under a tree when her tee shot strayed. She won 13 with a par and birdied the par-5 14th after she hit the green in two.

Nick Staropoli gained the finals of the junior-senior division by beating defending champion Lynn Reinholdt 1-up. Staropoli won 17 with a birdie and halved 18 with a par. He moved into the finals against John Paulson who ousted former open champion Sev Harkson 1-up.

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Golf results

OREGON COAST TOURNEY
At Astoria CC
QUALIFYING ROUND

MEN — Ron Leland, Columbia-Edgewater, 34-35-49 (medal-ist); John Frederick 34-34-70; Mike Stoll 34-35-71; Tom Smythe 35-36-71; Don Krieger 37-34-71; Kellin Gubrud 34-37-71; Casey Thompson 37-35-72; Lee Knight 38-34-72; Don Wiese 40-33-73; Mike Graham 35-38-73; Ralph Dichter 35-38-73; Bo Morrison 38-35-73; Dick Swanson 37-36-73; Craig Weston 37-37-74; Tim Wright 37-37-74; George Mack 38-36-74; Gary Hval 37-37-74; Bill Bristol 38-36-74; Terry Isaacs 38-36-74; Dan Ryan 38-36-74; Bob Lane Jr. 38-36-74; Mike Clark 38-37-75; Mike Adams 39-36-75; Phil Underwood 38-37-75; Greg Marshall 36-39-75; Jim Cartwright 36-39-75; Hugh Richardson 38-38-75; Tom Garrow 88-37-75; Franz Miller 40-36-76; Tim Davis 37-89-76; John Holmes 40-36-76.

JUNIOR-SENIOR MEDALIST — He, Robert Pearson, Los Altos, Calif., Nick Staropoli, Columbia-Edgewater, 72.

THE OREGONIAN, THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1981

Reinholt advances

WARRENTON — Gresham's Lynn Reinholt took the first step in defense of his Oregon Coast junior-seniors golf title Wednesday by defeating Dick Schneider 1-up on the 19th hole at the Astoria Country Club.

In Wednesday's opening round of women's match play, Joan Berkis, the defending champion, turned back Dotty Johnson 2-1.

JUNIOR-SENIOR — Lynn Reinholt def. Dick Schneider 1-up 19th, John Paulson def. Robert Pearson 1-up, Nick Staropoli def. Dick Lasko 3-2, Sev Harkson def. Don Wells 2-up.

WOMEN'S — Joan Berkis def. Dotty Johnson 2-1, Sybil O'Byrne def. Dawn Campbell 4-3, Jean Baines def. Barbara Brown 2-1, Cathy Leinassar def. Sue Peterson 2-, Nancy Marshall def. Mary Hoffman 2-1, Molly Cronin def. Sarah O'Neil 7-6, Jean Osborne def. Ellen Sneed 1-up, Monica Shepard def. Jackie Bristol 2-1.

Shea, Giusti win matches

By BILL MULFLUR

Executive Sports Editor

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WARRENTON — It was a day off for the men's division. But there was still a lot of competition in the 71st annual Oregon Coast golf tourney Wednesday at Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Ask Bobby Gross and Chuck Shea.

Trail Blazer Gross, who missed the championship flight by two shots with a 78, and Shea, a former Stanford running back from Beaverton, hooked up in a second-flight match.

Gross won the first three holes and appeared to have Shea on the ropes, but Shea came back to win the final three holes — and the match on the first hole of sudden death.

"It was a good match," said Shea, who has been a frequent contender in the championship flight. "Bobby is a good player."

And in the third flight, Larry Giusti, who won the tourney in 1977, had to birdie three of the last four holes to beat his opponent, Don Sheldon, 1-up.

"That's golf," said Giusti. "Anything can happen in any match on any hole."

Only 16 players were eliminated from competition by Wednesday in this tourney format. They are the second-round losers

in the men's championship.

That 16 this year included 10-time winner Ralph Dichter, Greg Marshall, Bill Morrison and 1966 runner-up Phil Underwood.

They engage in a 16-man, nine-hole horse race. Players are eliminated on every hole until there are only two left when they reach the ninth tee.

Lee Knight edged Tom Garrow for honors after medalist Ron Leland was eliminated on the eighth hole.

Defending women's champion Joan Berkis won her first match by dropping Dotty Johnson 2-1.

Johnson's sister, Molly Cronin, made a bid for her sixth crown by winning her match from Sarah O'Neil 7-6.

Medalist Sybil O'Byrne was a 4-3 winner over Dawn Campbell.

Nick Staropoli, who is serving unusual back-to-back terms as president of Columbia-Edgewater, won his match in Junior-Senior play by taking Dick Lasko's measure 3-2.

Staropoli will preside Sunday at the formal opening of C-E's new clubhouse.

Robert Pearson, who tied Staropoli for the J-S medal at even-par 72, lost to John Paulson 1-up. Defending champion Lynn Reinholt had to go to the 19th hole to oust Dick Schneider.

THE OREGONIAN, FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1981

Leinassar defeats Lane

WARRENTON — Defending champion Jeff Leinassar advanced to the men's semifinals of the Oregon Coast golf tournament Thursday with a 1-up win over Bob Lane Jr., at Astoria Country Club.

Leinassar was joined in the round of four by Don Kreiger, Terry Isaacs and George Mack.

In women's championship play, Joan Berkis, Sybil O'Byrne, Molly Cronin and Monica Shepard reached the semifinals with Thursday victories.

MEN — Jeff Leinassar def. Bob Lane Jr., 1-up; Don Kreiger def. Bill Bristol, 3-2; Terry Isaacs def. Franz Miller, 7-6; George Mack def. Mike Stoll, 3-2.

WOMEN — Joan Berkis def. Jean Baines, 4-3; Sybil O'Byrne def. Cathy Leinassar, 4-3; Molly Cronin def. Jean Osborne, 6-5; Monica Shepard def. Nancy Marshall, 2-1.

SENIORS — Joe Player def. Jim Power, 3-2; Ed Palmrose def. Paul Stright, 7-6; Fred Welch def. Ed Waino, 20th hole; Larry Johanns def. George Abrahamson, 1-up.

Great golf matches today

Leinassar club team, other defending champions in action at Coast tourney



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Cathy Leinassar, a past Astoria Country Club champion, has key match in Womens' championship of Coast Invitational golf tournament at local club today.

The other half of the Leinassar golfers playing in this year's 71st annual Oregon Coast Invitational also won and is heading toward a possible championship.

She's pretty Cathy Leinassar, wife of Mens' Grand Championship 1980 titlist Jeff Leinassar and both have shared the Astoria host club championship a couple of times recently.

Cathy Leinassar, who would like to add an Oregon Coast crown to her golfing accomplishments, beat Sue Peterson, 2-1, to advance with defending Womens' champion Joan Berkis and a several-time past champ, Molly Cronin, both of Portland.

Meanwhile, Junior-Seniors 1980 champion Lynn Reinhold, Gresham, won his opening match in defense of his division title, besting Dick Schneider on the 19th hole, 1-up. Schneider, from Longview, is an Astoria club member.

The Mens' Grand Championship top flight had the day off Wednesday but gets going today, a scheduled full day of golf. Several of the top matches should

have Leinassar going against ex-Warrenton prep golfer Bob Lane, Jr., Terry Isaacs against Franz Miller and Don Krieger against Bill Bristol.

Isaacs, who gained a measure of revenge to uphold the family name by deposing the "King of the Coast," Ralph Dichter, is established as a solid dark horse in this tournament, his first Coast venture.

The family name? Isaacs' father (Ray) lost to a much younger Ralph Dichter back in the 1950s when the feared Gearhart golfer began his string of Coast victories that number 10.

Retired Astoria doctor Ed Palmrose, now of Gearhart, took on Paul Streight at noon today in the second round of division play. Palmrose, a 1934 Mens' champion in the Coast tourney and a past Seniors titlist, decisioned Larry Skreen of Portland in a medalist playoff Wednesday, firing a sub-par 70.

In a Seniors battle of locals, ex-division champ George Abrahamsen of Astoria met Seaside's Larry Johanns in an early afternoon match.

The women will share the spotlight with the Mens' championship flight today as Cathy Leinassar, Joan Berkis, Sybil (Bowers) O'Byrne, Molly Cronin and Monica (Benz) Shephard will be the expected strong contenders.

It was Berkis vs. Jean Baines and O'Byrne vs. Cathy Leinassar in one foursome that teed off at 9:06 a.m., with Cronin playing Jean Osborne and Shephard versus Nancy Marshall in the 9:14 a.m. foursome.

First flight play also had current Astoria club champion Barbara Brown playing Dotty Johnson and Astorian Sue Peterson playing Dawn Campbell. Another local club member, Ellen Smead, met Sarah O'Neill.

Wednesday's results:

WOMENS' CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT — Joan Berkis over Dotty Johnson, 2-1, Sybil O'Byrne over Dawn Campbell, 4-3, Jean Baines over Barbara Brown, 2-1, Cathy Leinassar over Sue Peterson, 2-1, Nancy Marshall over Mary Hoffman, 2-1, Molly Cronin over Sarah O'Neill, 7-6, Jean Osborne over Ellen Smead, 1-up, Monica Shephard over Jackie Bristol, 2-1.

JUNIOR-SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT — Lynn Reinhold over Dick Schneider, 1-up (19th hole), John Paulson over Robert Pearson, 1-up, Nick Staropoli over Dick Lasko, 3-2, Sev Harkson over Don Wells, 2-up.

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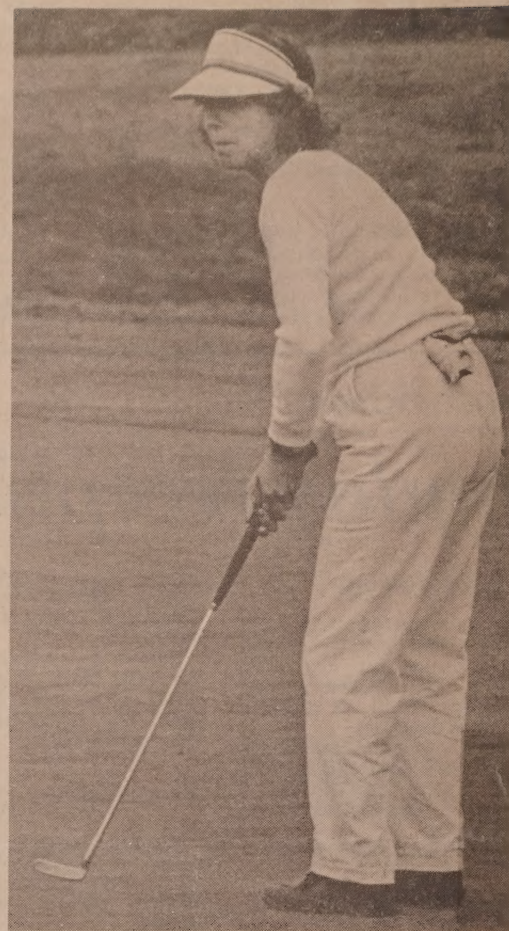
Mack wins 3rd tourney

WARRENTON — Columbia-Edgewater's George Mack, who has participated in the championship flight of this tournament for the past two decades, posted a 4 and 3 win over clubmate Terry Isaacs Saturday to win his third Oregon Coast golf tournament.

Mack, also a winner in 1967 and 1971, nursed 1- and 2-up leads throughout the early going before closing out Isaacs on the 15th hole when the latter missed a 1-foot par putt.

Joan Berkis, also of Columbia-Edgewater, successfully defended her women's title with a 4 and 3 decision over Riverside's Sybil O'Byrne. It also was the third title for Berkis, who broke away from O'Byrne early for the decision.

Fred Welch of Portland captured the seniors title with a 2-up win over Larry Johanns of the host club, and Sev Harkson of Oswego Lake won the junior-seniors with a 5 and 3 verdict over C-E's Nick Staropoli.



Defending Womens' champ Joan Berkis (left) plays Molly Cronin today.

The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

Defending Coast champs alive

Jeff Leinassar, young Astoria dentist, would like to match the string of championships that Ralph Dichter has won in the Oregon Coast Invitational golf tournament.

But Leinassar realizes the string could run out for him today if he doesn't play better than he has so far. "Just good enough to win," say bystanders.

The young 1980 Mens' Championship flight titlist had one of those "just good enough to win" days Thursday as he was forced to go to the limit by underdog Bob Lane, Jr. in the quarterfinals of the 71st annual Coast amateur.

Leinassar, who sank about a two-foot putt on the last hole, won the match, 1-up. Each two-putted the hole before a large gallery and it came down to which had the hottest hand after each had missed repeatedly on the front and back nines.

Leinassar's first putt hit the flagstick and came to rest slightly downhill about two feet away. Lane's shot rimmed the cup from about four feet away.

So it will be Leinassar, the only member of the "Leinassar team" left in the tournament, meeting hot-hand Terry Isaacs of Portland this afternoon while ex-Coast Champ George Mack of Portland tangles with another former champ, Don Krieger, in the 12:14 p.m. foursome.

Cathy Leinassar, pretty young wife of the Mens' defending champion, made her exit midway of the back nine in the Womens' Championship flight, a victim of "poor play" and accurate-shooting Sybil O'Byrne, also a past Coast champion.

Women remaining in the top flight and playing in the same foursome in today's semis are Mrs. O'Byrne, defending champion Joan Berkis, a four-time champ, Molly Cronin, and Monica Shepard, all from Portland.

The top-flight women teed off late this morning as all divisions and other flights were in action. Saturday's finals feature 36 holes — 18 morning and 18

afternoon — by the Mens' and Womens' Championship flights. All others play 18.

In other action Thursday, a damp course under day-long mist, past Mens' and Senior champ Ed Palmrose bested Paul Streight, 7-6, and Larry Johanns topped George Abrahamsen, 1-up, in a battle of Astoria Country Club players, site of the Coast tournament.

Palmrose is a retired Astoria doctor who makes his home in Gearhart, is a low handicap player who first picked up a golf club at age six. Also, in the Seniors top flight, Joe Player decisioned Jim Power, 3-2, and Fred Welch topped Portland policeman Ed Wallo on the 20th hole.

In second flight Men's division play, young Astorian Jay McCallister beat Floyd Robinson, Mike Brands topped Dwight McFaddin, John Finney downed Tom Carter and ex-college running back Chuck Shea (Stanford) bowed to Jarrett Jones. Shea, the day before, had beaten the Blazers' Bob Gross, who has kept an extremely low profile in this tournament.

Other Astorians in Mens' flight play Thursday were Gary Wing, losing to Jim Whittimore, 1-up (3rd flight), and Dave Palmberg topping John Achartz, 4-3 (4th flight).

In womens' flight play, current Astoria Country Club champion Barbara Brown fell to Dotty Johnson, 1-up, sister of Molly Cronin, Astorian Mary Hoffman topped Jackie Bristol, 3-2, and Astorian Suzanne Peterson lost to Dawn Campbell, 2-1.

Two Portland television stations (channel 6 and channel 8) will televise portions of the two championship flights Saturday, according to Stan Church, tournament publicity director.

CHAMPIONSHIP—Leinassar over Lane, 1-up, Krieger over Bristol, 3-2, Isaacs over Franz Miller, 7-6, Mack over Mike Stoll, 3-2, Joan Berkis over Jean Baines 4-3, Sybil O'Byrne over Cathy Leinassar, 4-3, Molly Cronin over Jean Osborne, 6-5, Monica Shepard over Nancy Marshall, 2-1.

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All-Portland show in windup of Oregon Coast

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By GRADY PANNELL
DA Sports Editor

It was an all-Portland cast in the winner's circle at conclusion of the week-long Oregon Coast Invitational golf tournament Saturday afternoon at the Astoria Country Club.

George Mack, a product of Central Catholic and the University of Notre Dame, methodically destroyed Terry Isaacs, a fellow Columbia-Edgewater player, in the Mens' Grand Championship finals.

Pert Joan Berkis, also of Columbia-Edgewater, wrapped up a successful defense of her 1980 Womens' title by ending her match with Sybil O'Byrne of Portland's Riverside on the 15th hole.

No. 15 is also where the Mack-Isaacs match ended, and the three-time Coast champ began the 18-hole afternoon round 3-up after 18 holes of morning play.

En route to his win, Mack brought the gallery to its feet on No. 14 when he sank about a 38-foot putt. Isaacs dropped another stroke there when his ball landed in a sand trap.

Mack, beginning his third decade of Coast tournaments — he hasn't missed a one in 20 years — first won at the Clatsop Plains course in 1967. He repeated in 1971. His opponent Saturday was playing his first Coast tournament.

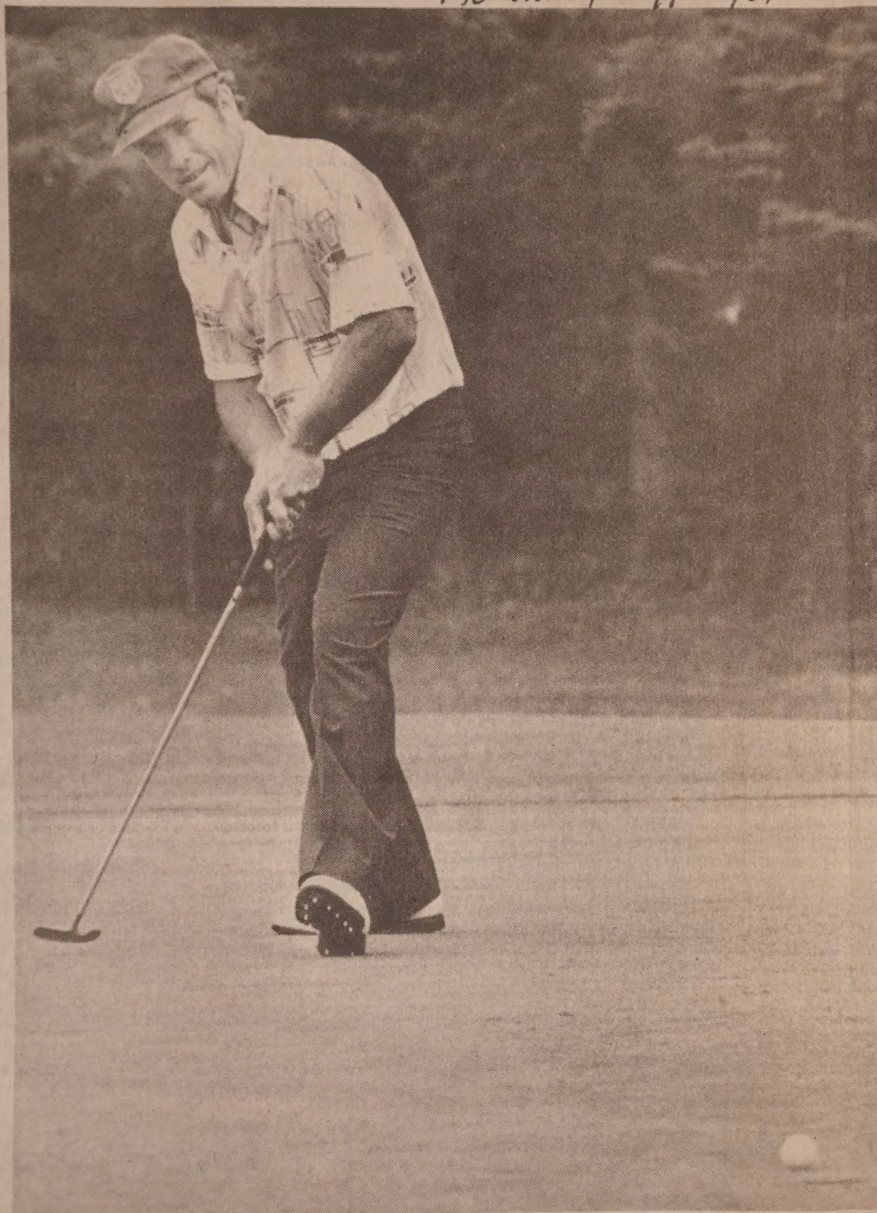
Will Mack be here next year?

"I wouldn't miss it," he said, adding that his performance Saturday in the championship round of play, assured him of a 1982 appearance. "I played well today . . . as well as I've ever played here," he said of the Coast finals.

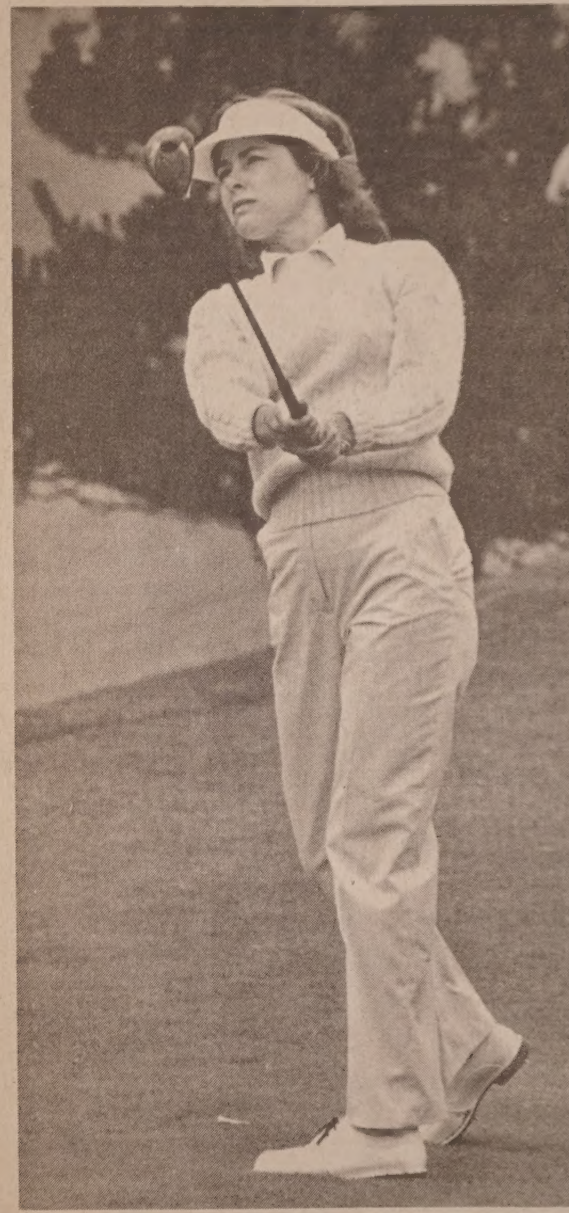
The two Mens' finalists got to the championship round with clear-cut wins in Friday's semifinals, Isaacs ousting 1980 champion Jeff Leinassar of Astoria, 4-2 in a show of hot putting, and Mack eliminating an ex-Coast champ, Portlander Don Krieger (1957 titlist), 3-2.

The Berkis-Molly Cronin match Friday had its dramatic moments, too, as the former was going after her fourth crown in eight years of Coast Invitational play — she won No. 3 last July — while her opponent already had five championships. Their match ended, 3-1.

Sybil O'Byrne, who first won at the Coast as Sybil Bowers in 1971, advanced



George Mack's putting game was instrumental in him winning his third Oregon Coast Invitational golf crown while Joan Berkis, playing superb golf in every phase of game, successfully defended her Coast division



The Daily Astorian—BILL WAGNER

title in Saturday's windup of week-long event at Astoria Country Club. One of highlights of Saturday's play was 38-foot putt by Mack on 14th hole of afternoon round.

into the 36-hole Saturday finals by beating Monica (Benz) Shepard, 5-4.

The O'Byrne-Berkis championship match saw the champ take a 7-0 lead in the first 18 holes of morning play, then the challenger rallied to trail by only three strokes in the early afternoon round.

In Saturday's Junior-Seniors championship play, Sev Harkson of Oswego Lake, turned back Nick Staropoli of Columbia-Edgewater. Staropoli gained the finals by ousting defending division champ Lynn Reinholt of Gresham, 1-up.

In the Seniors, the only championship round with a resident golfer in contention — Seaside's Larry Johanns — the title went to Fred Welch of Portland. Johanns, member of the Astoria Country Club, Friday eliminated Gearhart's Ed Palmrose, 1-up.

Flight winners:

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION — Mike Clark over Mike Graham (1st), John Finney over Jarrett Jones (2nd), Jim Whittemore over Clark Munro (3rd), Jim McNeeley over Buddy Arnold (4th), Darrel Wells over Scott Osburn (5th), Dan Chambers over Dorsey Hensley (6th), Tom Stafford over Rich Peterson (7); Dotty Johnson over Dawn Campbell (1st), Heidi Arnold over "Sam" Brownback (2nd), Patricia Benz over Mrs. Paul Zuelke (3rd), Carol Morgan over Elaine Stamm (4th), Jill Graham over Sherma Parker (5th).

JUNIOR-SENIORS — Jim Smead over Don Hering (1st), Roy Morgan over Don Halvorson (2nd), Bill Sherman over Renny Jorgusen (3rd), Ken Baines over N.C. Sorich (4th), Don McHugh over Jerry McCallister (5th), Paul Warkentin over Jorma Leinassar (7th), Jerry Rogers over Bob Benjamin (8th), Roger Martin over Alan Schlosser (9th), Marc Youngs over Ron Densem (11th).

SENIORS — Larry Godsey over Howard Hedrick (1st), Merle Hanset over Gordon Swope (2nd), Hal Higgs over Lloyd Selfridge (3rd), Si Wentworth over Dick Hinton (4th), Ernest Carnes over James Maxwell (5th), John McLoughlin over D.E. McFaddin (6th), Ted Dichter over Rod Norwood (7th), John Gizdavich over Ralph Chamberlain (8th), C.M. Keen over John Brennan (9th).

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SPORTS

26 Coast finalists Astorians

Of the 36 flights in the four golf divisions of Oregon Coast finals Saturday at the Astoria Country Club, 26 of the finalists had membership status in the host club.

Actual Astoria club members were Larry Johanns, John Gizdavich, Ralph Chamberlain, Ted Dichter, Rod Norwood, John McLoughlin, Dick Hinton and Si Wentworth in the Seniors; Ron Densem, Alan Schlosser, Jorma Leinassar and Jerry McCallister in the Junior-Seniors, Rich Peterson, Clark Munro and John Finney in the Mens' Grand Championship.

Dual membership roles (home course and Astoria Country Club) members were Sybil O'Byrne, Dotty Johnson and Dawn Campbell, all of Portland; Ernest Carnese and Lloyd Selfridge, both of Portland, Seniors division; Art Eckhardt and Paul Campbell, both of Portland, and Jim Smead, Lake Oswego, all Junior-Seniors; and Jim McNeeley, Rock Creek course, Mens' Grand Championship.

There were also four husband-wife teams in the championship divisions: Mike and Jill Graham of Columbia-Edgewater, Roy and Carol Morgan of Royal Oaks, Buddy and Heidi (Stroup) Arnold of Columbia-Edgewater and Paul and Dawn Campbell of Waverly and Astoria clubs.

Signal Sports

71st annual event

Mack, Berkis win coast golf tourney

Former champs George Mack and Joan Berkis both posted 4 and 3 victories over their opponents Saturday to win the grand championship and women's divisions of the week-long Oregon Coast Invitational Golf Tournament held at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Two-time winner Mack of Columbia-Edgewater defeated tournament newcomer Terry Issacs, also of Columbia-Edgewater, in a final 36-hole match. Defending champion Jeff Leinassar of Astoria was eliminated Friday after losing to Issacs with a score of 4 and 2.

Seaside Ralph Dichter, nicknamed "King of the Coast" after ten tournament wins, was eliminated Tuesday after a defeat by Terry Issacs.

Grand championship medalist was Ron Leland.

In the women's division, defending champion Berkis of Columbia-Edgewater kept her title after upending Sybil O'Byrne of Riverside in the final match. Berkis won the tournament in 1974, 1976 and 1980. O'Byrne was medalist in the women's division.

Winner in the junior-senior division was Sev Harkson of Lake Oswego. Harkson beat Nick Staropoli of

Columbia-Edgewater 5 and 3.

Senior division winner was Fred Welch, who took Seaside Larry Johanss 2-up in final match play.

Both junior-senior and senior division medalists were won by playoffs. Ed Palmrose was named senior division medalist with 77, and Bob Pearson took the junior-senior medal with 79.

Mike Clark of Rock Creek won the first flight of the grand championship. Former Astorian James Cartwright went to the quarter-finals in that division. Clark Munro, playing at his home club, was runner-up in the third flight of the grand championship.

Seaside Ed Palmrose, winner of the tournament in 1934, lost his bid for the senior division title after losing to Johanss in Friday's semi-finals. Other local golfers placing in the senior division include Ted Dichter, who won the seventh flight title, Dick Hinton, who was runner-up in the fourth flight, and John Gizdavich, runner-up in the eighth flight.

Dotty Johnson of Astoria Golf and Country Club and Waverly Country Club won the first flight of the women's division over Dawn Campbell of the same clubs. Former Astorian Heidi Arnold defeated Sam Brownback.



Three-time winner

George Mack grimaces on the green in the final grand championship match of the Oregon coast golf tournament last Saturday. Mack last won the tourney ten years ago.

(Staff photo)

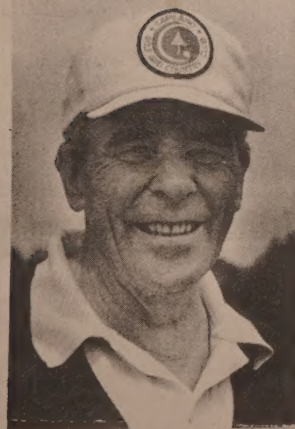


Defending champ

Joan Berkis sends the ball down the sixth fairway midway through match play with Sybil O'Byrne Saturday. Berkis is now a four-time winner.

Veteran golfer recalls game's lessons, changes

By Bonnie Henderson
Signal Staff



Ed Palmrose

"Golf is a game of competition, companionship and exercise that hones one's philosophy so that one fits into the competitiveness of life.

"In old age golf also provides exercise to perpetuate the enjoyment of living.

"But that's not the main thing," Ed Palmrose says.

Palmrose, this year's senior medalist at the Oregon Coast Invitational Golf Tournament, should know. At the age of 68, he still carries a handicap of only two. A retired physician, a quiet, philosophical man who now and then lapses with a smile into his parents' Finnish, Palmrose insists that, more than anything else, the game of golf prepared him to deal with the pressures of his professional life, with the "emotional aspects of stress," as he puts it.

But changes he's observed in nearly sixty years of participation in the game have led him to conclude that the popularity of golf isn't likely to last.

Relatively few young people are learning golf, Palmrose says, mainly

because, with the advent of golf carts, they don't have the opportunity to be caddy that they once did.

"The only young people that play now are the children of the very wealthy, those whose parents belong to golf clubs," Palmrose said.

Palmrose himself learned golf as a youngster growing up on a farm about a mile east of the Seaside Golf Course. He and his brother, Bill, used to sneak off to hunt golf balls when they discovered they could sell them for two bits apiece.

Their first golf club, Palmrose says, was a broken "brassy" they found and later repaired, steaming out the old shaft in the family's Finnish sauna and fitting in a new handle fashioned from a native spruce limb.

"When when we were supposed to go down to the lower pasture to weed the garden," he said, "we'd sneak off to the golf course to hunt golf balls and to swing that brassy.

"Dad was madder than hell to start with...but we started bringing home money from selling golf balls.

"Then we started caddyding," he said, "and we'd bring home as much as four-and-a-half dollars a day, which was as

much as a hook tender in the logging camps was getting paid then. Oh, that was perfectly all right for us to go to work down there at the golf course under those circumstances!" Palmrose recalls with a grin.

Since his humble debut in what has become a lifetime pastime, Palmrose has had a number of experience on the fairways, including one at the 1934 Oregon coast tournament, that he now perceives as important object lessons.

Palmrose was one-up on the 36th hole in a tight game with Millard Rosenblatt. Rosenblatt had hit the ball over some especially rough ground, Palmrose recalls, and he asked Palmrose if the shot should be considered fair. In a move he now regrets, Palmrose deferred to the marshal who accompanied the two contenders. Rosenblatt missed the shot, and Palmrose won the championship.

"I've always felt that, damn it, that's one of the circumstances when somebody should have acted instead of letting the thing just slide by."

In another tournament, the 1952 Oregon State Golf Championship, Palmrose was again in a very tight

final match, this time with Dick Yost. He remembers feeling overwhelmed by Yost's expertise, and even said as much to Yost, who chastised Palmrose for his lack of self-confidence.

"I learned from that one that you don't give up, even when you're up against someone who you think is better than you."

Palmrose credits his 1934 tournament win less to his skill level than to his state of mind.

"There's something that transpired at that time, where I achieved a kind of a calm as far as the game of golf is concerned that I've accomplished few times subsequent to that," he said.

"The thing that defeats an individual at most golf matches when you're up against an individual of comparable caliber is not because you don't play well but because your emotions prevent you from playing well.

"In that case (1934) it worked out so that I played phenomenal golf all the way through."

What makes a good golfer? Practice is certainly part of it, Palmrose says.

"But I think the things that make a winning golfer are timing and coordination, and an ability to swing with rhythm and timing. If a person is a real good dancer, he could be a good golfer; it's rhythm and timing.

"But it also takes emotional control, and it takes determination and practice to become adept at it."

Palmrose feels strongly about the opportunity golf provides young people with, but, he says, unless golf courses and clubs and high schools start organizing to encourage youth to take up golf, the game could fade.

"Where did the outstanding golfers of the state of Oregon in the past thirty, forty years come from?" he asks rhetorically.

"From the caddy ranks," Palmrose says.

If he stayed to watch the finals in last weekend's tournament, he might have smiled to see Grand Champion George Mack's daughter Lara carrying clubs and smoothing the sandtraps for her father, as the throngs of on-lookers followed on foot and, yes, in lines of humming golf carts.